



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been an excellent week at LDA.

Year 11 have demonstrated commitment, diligence and resilience during the Dean Trust mock examinations. Year 9 Parents Evening was extremely well attended last night and our Year 11 girls were the first pupils to use our new fitness suite on Tuesday.

On a personal note, I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting with some of our new staff who joined us in September over coffee and cake on Monday and Tuesday evening. It was a pleasure to hear all about how they are settling into life at LDA.

Next week is a key week for our Year 9 cohort. Their Options Evening takes place on Thursday, led by Assistant Headteacher Mr Young. I look forward to seeing Year 9 families in school again and Year 9 being able to prepare for our broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum offer at Key Stage 4.

With best wishes for the weekend,

V. Gowan

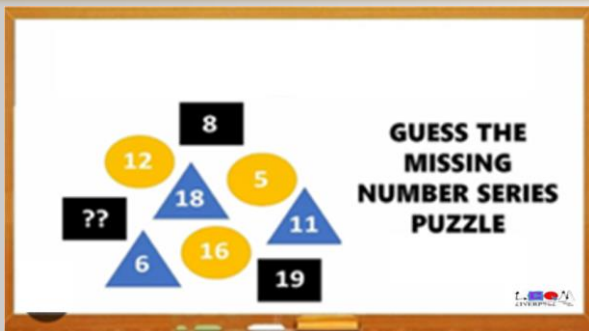
Miss V. Gowan  
Headteacher



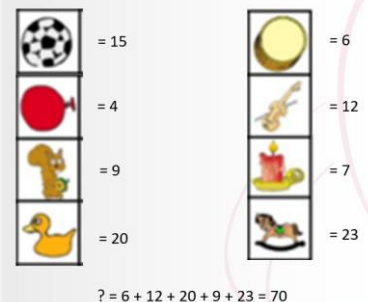
Victoria Gowan  
Headteacher



## This week's numeracy puzzle



## Last week's answer



## Magic Maths

Want to know why  
Mathematicians are magic?

Think of a number.

Multiply it by 3.

Add 6.

Divide this number by 3.

Subtract the number you started  
with.

Your answer is 2.

Told you we are magic!



## Job of the week

### Economist

If you enjoy analysing numbers,  
reports and trends, a job as an  
economist might be for you.  
Economists use Maths to make  
graphs or models and may  
predict market surges and  
recessions for businesses or the  
government.

Annual Salary - £47,000

## Year 9 Options

This week Year 9 have had a  
taste of what they could study if  
they choose Statistics at GCSE.

Statistics is about making  
decisions when there is  
uncertainty. Perhaps one of the  
most versatile areas of maths, it  
gives pupils the skills to collect,  
analyse, interpret and present  
data.

## Year 10 Revision

A huge well done to our  
outstanding Year 10 pupils who  
have been regularly attending  
lunchtime revision sessions with  
Mrs Speer.

The sessions are available for any  
Year 10s and 11s to attend and  
focus on exam coaching practice  
questions.

## Year 11 Revision weekend

Whilst recently revising for  
their Dean Trust mocks,  
our year 11s are also  
preparing for a fun  
weekend away with Maths  
and English staff. The  
weekend will comprise of  
numerous fun, team  
building activities and  
revision sessions.

## KS3 Maths Enrichment Clubs

We have many different clubs in Maths to  
suit every pupil  
See maths staff for more details.



Mrs Speer  
Head of  
Department



Mr Starkey  
Deputy Head of  
Department



Miss Pope  
Assistant  
Headteacher



Miss Arends  
Leader of  
Numeracy



Mr Panther  
Classroom  
Teacher with  
Responsibility

Miss Stout  
Classroom  
Teacher

Mr Whitby  
Classroom Teacher  
With Responsibility



Mrs Capewell  
Classroom Teacher



Miss Fowler  
Classroom Teacher



Miss Kenworthy  
Classroom Teacher



Mrs Thomas  
Transition Tutor



Miss Coyle  
Classroom Teacher

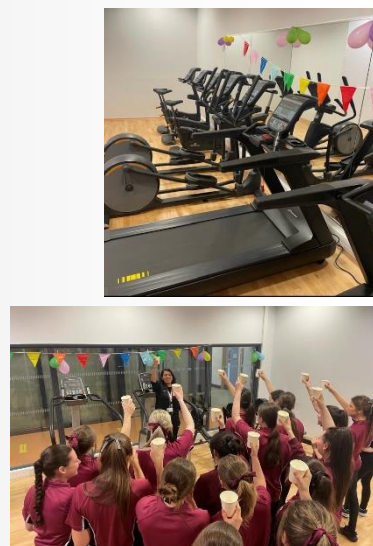
## Viva Espana

3 members of staff from LDA Mrs Sunderland, Mrs Grisdale and Miss Coyle recently joined Mr Loynd from Ashton-On-Mersey on a Subject Knowledge Enhancement experience trip to Málaga, Andalucía in the South of Spain. The purpose of the trip was for non-specialist Spanish teachers from across the Dean Trust to be given the opportunity to immerse themselves in Spanish language and culture for the weekend. The trip was a huge success as the delegates spent the whole weekend practising their Spanish without any inhibitions, ensuring that they all took full advantage of this unique opportunity. They completed some really challenging experiences such as treasure hunts, scavenger hunts and resource-gathering, not to mention the gruelling ascent to the Alcazaba Palace and the Castillo de Gibralfaro. Every teacher was extremely excited about being able to take their experiences back and share them in their schools, in a bid to make Spanish feel even more accessible to their pupils and to further emphasise the relevance of learning a modern language.



## Fitness Studio

At LDA we were proud to open our new 'Mind, Body and Soul' fitness studio this week. This was cause for our Year 11 Girls to celebrate in particular, as it was this group of pupils who secured the reopening of the gym through effective Pupil Voice to our Senior Leadership Team. As such, they enjoyed the privilege of being amongst the first pupils to celebrate the opening, and enjoy the use of the new facility. We look forward to the benefits the studio will bring to our whole school community.



## Hamilton

30 pupils from Year 9 visited The Palace Theatre in Manchester to watch a performance of the hit musical, Hamilton. The musical, written by Lin-Manuel Miranda, is a sung and rapped biography of Alexander Hamilton who was an influential character in the American Revolutionary War as well as being Secretary of the Treasury. Pupils were selected due to their ongoing commitment to studies in Music and the wider Arts, they were exemplary on the trip, demonstrating the values of LDA and being excellent representatives of our school community.



# Careers

## Calendar of Open Day Events - Spring Term 2024 (Local Colleges and Universities)

College/University	Date	Time
<b>SIXTH FORM COLLEGES</b>		
Cronton College	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	5.30pm – 7.30pm
Riverside College	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	5pm – 7pm 5pm – 7pm
Knowsley Community College	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	5pm – 7pm 5pm – 7pm
St Helens College	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	5pm – 7pm
Carmel College	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	5pm – 7.30pm
Myerscough College	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2024 Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	10am – 12.30pm 10am – 12.30pm 10am – 12.30pm
Sefton Sixth Form College	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	5 – 7pm
The City of Liverpool College	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	4pm – 6pm
<b>University Open Events (Undergraduate)</b>		
Liverpool University	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	See website for further details
Liverpool John Moore University	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	1pm – 4pm
Edge Hill University	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	See website for further details
Liverpool Hope University	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	See website for further details

For further information on college or University Open Days visit:  
[www.opendays.com](http://www.opendays.com) Or speak to Miss Ward, Careers Co-Ordinator.

National Apprenticeship Week will take place during the week 5<sup>th</sup> February - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 with a range of activities taking place across the school. Please check out the Parents Guide by clicking on the following link:

[www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/nationalapprenticeshipweek](http://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/nationalapprenticeshipweek).



**Apprenticeships Fair 2024**  
 7 February, 4:30 - 7pm  
 Join Unifrog's virtual fair to learn all about apprenticeships and meet some employers!

Scan here to sign up

Logos: EY, BBC, AON, NHS, Crowe, mazars, HSBC, Unilever, KPMG, LLOYDS BANK, e-on, Deloitte, centrica, nationalgrid, ARMY BE THE BEST

## unifrog National Apprenticeship Week 5-11 February 2024

Unifrog is the only platform students need to find the best apprenticeships for them and apply successfully.

Unifrog's Apprenticeship tool - Search the most comprehensive database of apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships in the UK. Filter by distance from home, qualification level, salary, and other factors to discover, shortlist, and compare the best opportunities.

Find the Apprenticeship tool under 'Searching for opportunities' on the student side of the platform.

Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair, 7 Feb 2024 - Students, teachers, advisors, and parents are all invited to join our virtual fair to learn about apprenticeships and network with employers including BBC, Unilever, the British Army, HSBC, and NHS.

Sign up to both via Upcoming Webinars on the platform.

Webinar on the Apprenticeship tool, 5 Feb 2024 - For teachers and advisors. Get the most out of the Apprenticeship tool with Unifrog Account Managers Jen and Polina.

Teaching resources on the platform - Download plug-and-play lessons to get Year 9 to 13 students thinking about apprenticeships. Encourage independent research with over 30 guides and video interviews with apprentices to explore.

Search 'apprenticeship' in your Resources library.

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**The Parents' Guide to NAW 2024**  
 For National Apprenticeship Week

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Options at 16 and 18
- Vocational routes to work
- Non-degree apprenticeships
- Degree apprenticeships
- Work experience